

Amendment
Serial No. 10/773,300
Attorney Docket No. 042079

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 are rejected. Claims 1-4 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant's Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-4 are herein cancelled without prejudice. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Applicant's Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Godec et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,499,452).

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Willner (U.S. Patent No. 5,044,783).

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hurrell (U.S. Patent No. 5,491,893).

Claims 1-4 are herein cancelled without prejudice. Thus, these rejections are moot.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 5-8 are allowed. In view of the above comments, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

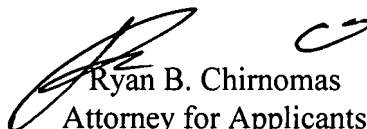
For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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